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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH KEDREN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.**

This memo is to comply with County contracting policy requirements for sole source contracts. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into sole source negotiations to amend its current Agreement with Kedren Community Health Center, Inc. (Kedren) to support the reinstatement of Impact Assessments Solutions' (IAS) Neurobehavioral Disorder Pilot Project (NDPP) in the Probation Department's juvenile halls and camps. The proposed amendment would add \$249,815 to Kedren's Agreement with DMH, effective upon execution of the amendment through June 30, 2008. Kedren is located in Service Area (SA) 6 at 4211 South Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, 91011.

In recent years there has been increasing concern regarding the identification and treatment of serious emotional disturbances, many of which may involve undetected neurobehavioral health disorders, among minors in juvenile detention facilities. To address this concern, in FY 2006-07 DMH amended its Affiliation Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles to provide the IAS NDPP, at the cost of \$345,000, funded by the Probation Department. The NDPP screened in-custody minors at three probation halls and selected camps for neurobehavioral health disorders and made appropriate recommendations for treatment. The basic goals of this Project were to facilitate the transfer of state-of-the art, successful treatment strategies from academic settings to community facilities and to promote training and interest within the academic community in the field of community-based treatment of neurobehavioral disorders.

Based on the success of the NDPP, the Probation Department has been developing a Request for Proposals (RFP), funded jointly by the Departments of Probation and Mental Health, to provide these or similar services on a larger scale in the halls and camps, and to assist with transitions to community care upon minors' return to their

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camps, and to assist with transitions to community care upon minors' return to their communities. In order to provide the NDPP services pending the completion of the RFP process and to transition the NDPP from the academic phase to one with a focus on linkage to community care, the Probation Department has provided funding to DMH to contract with a community-based mental health provider for a reinstatement of these services through a subcontract with IAS.

Kedren is uniquely qualified to be the primary contractor for this short-term, time-limited service for the following reasons.

- As noted above, one purpose of the NDPP is to provide continuity of care into the community upon minors' release. A significant number of minors held in the juvenile halls and camps live in SA 6 and will be returning there upon their release. Kedren currently has clinicians that have attended trainings provided by IAS and has agreed to accept referrals of minors served by IAS in the halls and camps that require both mental health care and neurobehavioral remediation upon their release.
- Kedren, a DMH contractor since 1985, is well established in the community and has expertise with a broad range of inpatient, outpatient clinic and intensive, integrated, community-based mental health services, including experience with developing and managing subcontracts.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within the next ten days, DMH will enter into sole source negotiations with Kedren to provide the IAS NDPP services, working with County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office to amend the Kedren Community Health Center, Inc. Agreement.

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c: Chief Executive Office
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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